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2. SUMMARY: THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS AT HQUN THAT ETHIOPIA HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE PARTICIPATION OF ONE COMPANY (ABOUT 135 TROOPS) IN UNAMIR'S PEACEKEEPING FORCES. THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (DPKO) FIELD ADMINISTRATION LOGISTICS DIVISION PLANS (FALD) PLANS TO SHIP BY 30 JULY ETHIOPIAN CONTINGENT OWNED EQUIPMENT (COE) OVERLAND BY TRUCK TO EITHER DAR ES SALAAM OR MOMBASSA. THE ETHIOPIAN TROOP CONTINGENT WILL BE REPATRIATED BY AIR FROM KIGALI. CONVERSATION BETWEEN USUN POLCOUNS AND DPKO A/SYG IS REPORTED IN SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) UNCONFIRMED REPORTS AT HQUN, LATE THIS AFTERNOON, INDICATE THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO MAINTAIN PARTICIPATION OF ONE COMPANY (ABOUT 135 TROOPS) IN UNAMIR'S PEACEKEEPING FORCES. APPARENTLY THE GOE OVERRULED THE ETHIOPIAN BATTALION IN RWANDA WHO FELT ITS PARTICIPATION WOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AT A BATTALION LEVEL.

4. (U) HQUN DPKO/FALD PLANNERS INTEND TO REPATRIATE THE ETHIOPIAN TROOP CONTINGENT BY AIR FROM KIGALI TO ADDIS ABABA. THE REPORTED 5,000 CUBIC METERS OF ETHIOPIAN COE WILL BE TRUCKED OVERLAND WITH TUNISIAN COE TO EITHER DAR ES SALAAM OR MOMBASSA. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED WHICH PORT WILL BE USED. A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF TRANSPORTATION TIME, BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER SHIPMENTS IN THE AREA, FOR ETHIOPIAN COE
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FROM RWANDA TO ADDIS ABABA TO BE ABOUT 6 TO 8 WEEKS.

4. (U) DPKO/FALD PLANNERS ARE CONSTRAINED BY LIMITED BUDGETS TO TRANSPORT ETHIOPIAN EQUIPMENT BY MOST ECONOMICAL METHOD, WHICH IS SHIPMENT BY OVERLAND TRUCK-TRANSPORT AND SEA. UN IS UNLIKELY TO APPROVE ANY OTHER MEANS OF RETURNING ETHIOPIAN COE BECAUSE IT WOULD OBLIGATE THE UN TO RETURN OTHER UNAMIR COE BY SIMILAR MEANS OF TRANSPORT. UNHQ IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT MOVING COE BY THE LEAST ECONOMICAL METHOD, WITHOUT A JUSTIFIED

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RATIONALE, I.E. A CRISIS OR AN ESTABLISHED SPECIAL
REQUIREMENT, IS A BAD PRECEDENT. FALD LOGISTICS
ADMINISTRATORS FEEL THAT SPECIAL TREATMENT ETHIOPIAN
COE WOULD LEAD IMMEDIATELY TO CRITICISM AND ACCUSATIONS
OF MISMANAGEMENT BY OTHER UNAMIR CONTINGENTS.

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